

Good morning, I am writing in regards to HR 5263 which is being voted in 3/1/22.

I'm beseeching you to vote NO on passing this bill in CT.

Rabbits are pets the third most common. You wouldn't raise cats or dogs, send them to slaughter & then sell them to people to eat. People would not stand for it.

People are becoming kinder in their action towards animals/pets, especially rabbits. The huge cosmetic industry has moved away from testing their products on rabbits, as consumers won't buy their products unless they're cruelty free. Many of the large grocery stores made the decision to stop selling rabbit meat as they found out there's no market for it in CT.

Large pet stores i.e. Petco, Petsmart, etc have stopped selling rabbits & now hold adoption events to find good loving homes for them.

At a time when so many are moving away from meat & creating plant-based eco friendly alternatives I feel you are taking a huge step back for Connecticut and it's residents.

Thank you for your time & please vote no. We don't need more cruelty & suffering in a world already enduring it.

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